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Examiner: C.M. Koslow
Art Unit: 1755

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Remarks

The amendment filed May 27, 2005 in response to the final Office Action was not entered. Thus, Applicant hereby submits the instant amendment filed concurrently herewith the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 26, 28-30, 34 and 36 are amended. Amendments to claim 26 is supported, for instance, in allowed claim 10 and at page 18, lines 21-24 of Applicant's specification. Amendments to claims 28-30, 34 and 36 delete the term "mainly" and similarly track, for instance, the language of allowed claims 15-17. Claim 27 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 10, 13-19, 24-26, and 28-37 are pending. Claims 31 and 32 are objected to. Claims 10, 13-19, 24, 25, 33, 35, and 37 are allowed.

Claims 26-30, 34 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection to the extent it is maintained.

Claim 26 has been written in independent form. Thus, the molar ratio recited in claim 26 no longer depends upon the scope of claim 10.

Claim 27 is canceled, rendering the rejection of this claim no longer applicable. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection with respect to claim 27.

Claim 28-30, 34, and 36 have been rewritten to delete the term "mainly," as suggested by the Examiner. These claims recite the language "the majority of..." and "is made up of..." which substantially track, for instance, claims 15-17. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 26-32, 34, and 36 are definite and allowable.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455.3800.

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